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Even more Success

Controversial charter pitches another school

By Kate Briquelet
The Brooklyn Paper

A politically connected charter school network that is being sued after promising to open a school in one district, then opening it elsewhere, says it wants to come back to the area it jilted.

The latest addition to the rapidly expanding Success Charter Network is a proposed K–8 facility that would open in fall of 2013 in District 13, which includes parts of Downtown, Brooklyn Heights, Fort Greene, Clinton Hill and Bedford-Stuyvesant—a swath of the borough it controversially skirted after getting the go-ahead from the state to launch an elementary school in the zone.

Jenny Sedlis, a director at the charter superpower headed by former Manhattan Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz, said the proposed school will be a boon to neighborhood parents.

“Families across New York City share a common goal — providing their children with the very best education possible,” said Sedlis, whose charter group already runs two schools in Bedford-Stuyvesant and is trying to open two charters in Prospect Heights and Crown Heights, one in Williamsburg and one in Cobble Hill. “That’s what we want to provide.”

Success officials declined to say which under-capacity public schools they are eyeing as possible shared homes for their new charter, but said the school will start with 180 kindergartners and first-graders before adding more grade levels.

Sedlis say that more than 1,500 residents of District 13 have signed a petition supporting a new Success Academy — but some parents are furious with the charter chain, claiming its schools take valuable space from struggling public schools.

“This is a corporate takeover of public schools,” said Cobble Hill parent Gloria Mattera. “Eva Moskowitz can do whatever she wants, and the mayor and chancellor allow it to happen.”

Mattera is part of a cadre of parents who filed a lawsuit against Success earlier this month, arguing that the network circumvented state rules by putting an elementary school in Cobble Hill, a posher section of District 15, when it was only approved to open in the Downtown district or District 14, which includes Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Rob Perris, district manager of Community Board 2, said that many residents are suspicious of the charter’s business plans because of its previous switcheroo.

Success Charter Network is also facing a backlash in Williamsburg, where moms and dads are trashing Moskowitz’s academy as a “corporate charter chain” that didn’t advertise to minority groups.

Success supporters—including Mayor Bloomberg—say its schools are some of the highest-ranking in the state.

BABY...

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was expecting to give birth in two weeks, but she began to have contractions at 5:30 pm at her Newel Street home during a video team meeting with other Occupy protesters.

The demonstrators played the role of doula as best as they could as Economopoulos went into labor in her living room.

About 45 minutes later, Jones called a cab—but the taxi never made it to the hospital.

As they drove toward Greenpoint Avenue, the situation became critical and the cabbie pulled over.

Economopoulos’s husband squeezed his wife’s hips to help with the pain, but that didn’t work.

“I said, no, don’t squeeze, pull my pants down, there’s a head there,” she said.

The cab driver got out of his car and waved orange flags directing traffic until two ambulances and six police cars arrived at the scene.

“I didn’t even push it just came out,” Economopoulos said in a video posted on YouTube titled “Occupy Baby.” “I thought I had a poop and then there was a head. Jason caught the baby!”

Fire Department paramedics cleaned the baby, put Economopoulos on a stretcher, placed her in an ambulance, cut the baby’s umbilical cord, and drove to Bellevue Hospital as Jones filmed the whole thing.

“We had it in the cab,” said Jones. “She’s totally fine. We’re here in the hospital. I caught it in the cab.”

Later that night, Economopoulos posted on her Facebook page, “Well that was unexpected. Baby came 2 wks early, labor was a little more than an hour from start to finish. Jason delivered her in the back of a cab. We only got 2 blocks from the house! Everyone’s healthy and happy. Thx for the well wishes!”

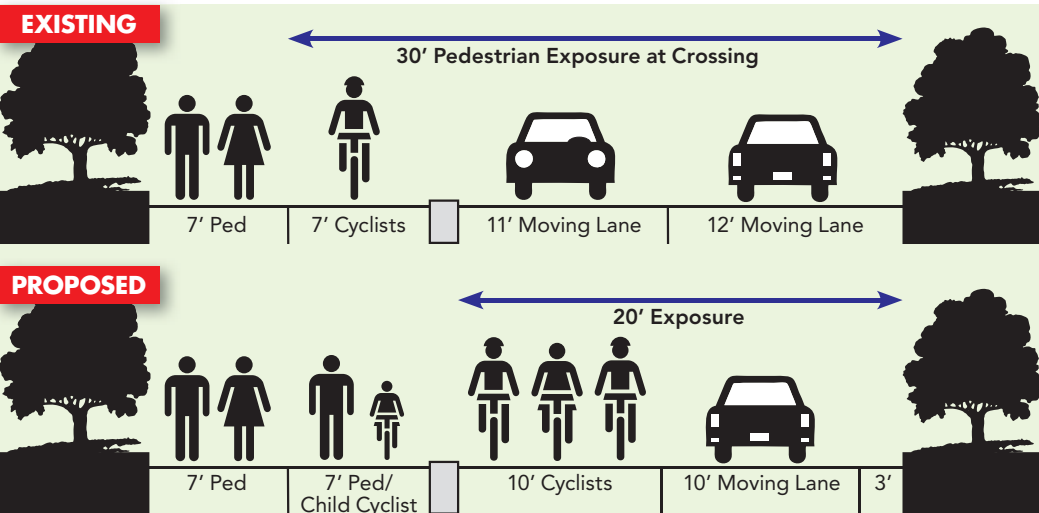
Friends said that the story of their birth is “completely fitting.”

“Anyone who knows Beka, and has seen her in action as an organizer, is not surprised by her amazing calm, aplomb, and lucidity while she does the miraculous,” said Williamsburg resident Cynthia Walker, a fellow parent.

And city Taxi and Limousine Commissioner David Yassky offered his blessing.

“There’s something so special about being born in Brooklyn that this beautiful young lady just couldn’t wait to be here!” said Yassky.

The protesting power couple named the baby Mila Amie Economopoulos Jones and are now back in Greenpoint celebrating their new family.



BIKES...

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parks and transportation officials, cycling advocates and cops that hatched the plan. “It’s one lane for each group—all the time.”

The egalitarian new roadway revamp, which could hit the street as soon as late spring, comes after several serious crashes—some of them nearly fatal—between cyclists and walkers on the tree-flanked street. It also comes after park critics called the road’s current markings confusing and pushed for an all-out elimination of automotive traffic in the greensward.

The design, crafted by the Prospect Park Road Sharing Taskforce, dedicates 10 feet of roadway to cars, 10 feet to cyclists, and 14 feet of roadway to pedestrians and child cyclists who aren’t comfortable riding on the grown-up lane.

Bikers and runners cheered the plan—which closely resembles a 2008 proposal by bicycle advocates—at a public meeting at the park’s picnic house, saying it will save lives and bring order to the sometimes chaotic path.

But they also used the forum as an opportunity to ask for a total ban on cars in the park.

“This is a major step in the right direction,” said longtime cycling supporter Eric McClure. “However, I don’t think it quite goes far enough.”

McClure called for a trial period in which the city closes the park to cars during summer months—an idea echoed by other park-goers who praised the plan, but eventually want a roadway with no automobiles.

“Think about how many streets we have in New York and how few places like Prospect Park there are,” said Joanna Oltman Smith. “This is a national treasure [and] I’m horrified about the way cars speed on the drive.”

Motorists, however, claim the proposal and the mentality of cycling advocates makes them feel persecuted.

“It’s another plan that demonizes drivers,” said Marc Russo, a driver from Park Slope. “Not everybody lives [the cyclist] lifestyle.”

He said motorists have already given up plenty of street space to make way for bike lanes, as was the case on the controversial bike path on Prospect Park West.

Thanks to the plan, the city says drivers who enter the park on weekdays from 7 am to 9 am and 5 pm to 7 pm should expect their jaunts to take about seven seconds longer.

That delay sparked fear among some neighbors, who worry that the 700 autos that use the park each hour in the morning would flood streets in surrounding neighborhoods.

“I’m concerned we’re gonna have traffic backing up,” said Windsor Terrace resident Joan Botti.

Lloyd said the plan also calls for increased enforcement, outreach and better signage on the street, and said the panel would meet soon to discuss feedback from the hearing—and potentially make tweaks.


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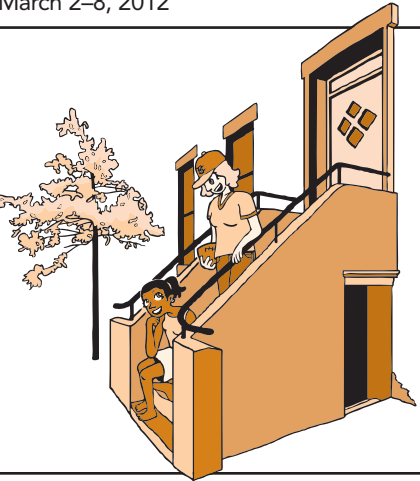


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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

GREENPOINT



Regine Raab, with her dog Benny, launched her pet accessories design firm at The Yard, a new co-working site on Nassau Avenue in Greenpoint.

Start me up!

Tech companies boot up in Nassau Street space

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

A Nassau Avenue warehouse is bringing a bit of the Silicon Valley to Brooklyn's "Garden Spot." Eager engineers and web workers are buzzing around a new communal Greenpoint office space called The Yard, which has already attracted 65 companies and become home to a thriving start-up scene since it opened its doors in November.

Most of the 200 or so tech workers who share space on the building's third floor traded in their Manhattan offices to move to Brooklyn — and for many of them the commute is the best part of their new abode.

"All of us live in Brooklyn, so what was the point of going into Manhattan?" said Cezary Pietrzak, whose company Wanderfly is launching a personalized travel website this month. "I only have a five minute bike ride or a 15 minute walk, so it's not a hard commute to work."

The warehouse boasts tenants including an Internet security firm, scores of web developers, and designers who market online — but it's also got the casual vibe of a tech start-up.

"It's so much easier," said Regine Raab, who designs custom pet accessories including dog beds, leashes and collars for Waggo and used to work in Manhattan. "It's nice to be in a community with other entrepreneurs — and I can bring my dog to work."

Greenpoint isn't the first Brooklyn neighborhood to experience a tech boom.

Some of the city's largest and best-known web companies, including Etsy and the digital marketing agency Prolific Interactive, have planted roots in DUMBO.

And in the past year, Brooklyn's growing tech scene has helped push the number of venture capital investment deals inked in New York above the number signed in Boston — putting the city in second place in the tech race behind the Silicon Valley and purportedly sparking another East Coast–West Coast rivalry.

The start-up community growing at The Yard is still forming and web workers have been reaching out to businesses in the area to share ideas during monthly "breakfast clubs" and pub crawls — another perk for the neighborhood's newest entrepreneurs.

"We like the neighborhood because of the concentration of other tech companies here," said Dean Mekawwy, who is launching the online security service Spotflux. "Plus there's a beer garden downstairs."

RED HOOK

Red Hook seafarers: Save our ship!

Oil tanker-turned-art space Mary Whalen needs new port

By Kate Briquetelet
The Brooklyn Paper

An historic fuel tanker is sinking in a sea of red tape — and its captains fear they must sell the floating cultural center for scrap if they can't find it a permanent port by April 30.

PortSide New York, a maritime education group, has been waiting three years to anchor the Mary Whalen at Atlantic Basin in Red Hook, and after long-stalled negotiations with the city and the Port Authority the neighborhood's seafarers say they can wait no longer.

"The Atlantic Basin is not going to come through for us," said PortSide's founder Carolina Salguero, who spent \$125,000 refurbishing the Mary Whalen's Depression-era hull. "Now we need help



Carolina Salguero needs a new home for the Mary Whalen, an oil tanker turned cultural center, or the beloved old vessel will be sold for scraps!

focusing on the future."

In 2009, the city's Economic Development Corporation offered PortSide the chance to move the Mary Whalen from its home at the Red Hook container termi-

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Patties are staying put

Pastry seller in Barclays' shadow makes a deal

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

A beloved Jamaican patty purveyor will stay in his Prospect Heights pastry shop despite a landlord-tenant flare-up that almost resulted in another real estate turnover near the soon-to-open Barclays Center.

Paul Haye, owner of Christie's Jamaican Patties on Flatbush Avenue and Sterling Place, claims he struck a deal with his landlord, who last fall sued him over rent, putting the 45-year-old eatery's future in jeopardy.

Property owner Lina Feng claimed the Caribbean food joint owed her \$20,000 in fees for late rent and other bills, but she dropped the lawsuit in exchange for a \$20,000 check and a rent hike of \$1,300 per month, according to Haye.

"Thank God we were able to come up with the money," he said. "In the end, it's quite



Paul Hayes says he has reached a compromise with his landlord that will allow Christie's Jamaican Patties to remain open on Flatbush Avenue.

foolhardy to be fighting with your landlord; she's always going to win."

Haye admitted he paid rent late on occasion, but said his landlord invented the \$20,000 figure in order to pressure

him out and make way for high-end retailers that would cater to a stadium crowd.

But he claims writing a check was a better solution than a drawn-out court battle.

WILLIAMSBURG

Gas shut off in public housing

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Residents of a Williamsburg public housing tower fear they will be cooking with hot plates for as long as a year because of a gas leak in the basement of their Taylor Street building.

City housing workers shut off the gas at Independence Towers on Taylor Street on Feb. 14 to stop the leak and a city Housing Authority official told tenants that service won't be restored for at least six months and possibly as long as a year, residents said.

An agency spokeswoman told The Brooklyn Paper that a contractor should be able to finish the repairs within four or five weeks and said the authority has not given residents an official time frame for the project — and that has tenants boiling.

"I went to the Housing Au-



Independence Tower residents and Democratic District Leader Lincoln Restler say the city must quickly fix a gas leak and restore service because electric burners are not sufficient.

thority yesterday and [an official] gave me the runaround and told me the best thing to do is to go to Congress," said Pamela Cowherd, who has lived in the building for 10 years. "I thought he was joking."

Instead, tenants have been

cooking on cheap, city-provided electric burners.

Williamsburg resident Mayra Ducos threw away her pots — and her dinner — because the hot plates singed them. This week, she has already spent \$146 for food for

her family of three.

"I'm spending money buying food, there's no other way," said Ducos. "I have a 13-year-old. He's hungry every hour."

And Hasidic families, who make up about 80 percent of the building's 122 households, are scrambling to prepare enough food for the upcoming Purim and Passover holidays.

"There's no way to cook or bake with this [burner], I've been shopping, cooking a little and buying the rest," said one Orthodox woman who gave her name as M. Weiner. Public officials urged the city to fix the leak and restore service quickly.

"There are families here with eight, 10, and 12 people, and they cannot provide for them on an electric burner," said Williamsburg District Leader Lincoln Restler. "We need the gas back on now!"

DUMBO

Finalists picked for Park hotel

By Kate Briquetelet
The Brooklyn Paper

The pool of big-time developers vying to build a luxury hotel at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 1 is down to the final three, says a source familiar with the deal.

The Dermot Company, Toll Brothers and Starwood Capital Group are still in the running for a mixed-use complex that will include a 10-story hotel, condos, and a restaurant near the park's primary entrance at the foot of Old Fulton Street, a development insider told The

Brooklyn Paper.

Extell Development, RAL Companies, SDS Procidia, and Two Trees Management were apparently left in the dust.

"It was a matter of deduction — everyone knows each other," said the source, who asked not to be identified by name over concerns it would impact negotiations.

A Park spokeswoman wouldn't confirm the short list, but said officials would pick a developer by spring.

Whoever wins will build a 170- to 225-room hotel, a 150- to 180-unit residential build-



This proposal by Dermot is one of three being considered by officials at Brooklyn Bridge Park, a source says. See them all at BrooklynPaper.com.

ing, a restaurant, and at least 300 parking spaces, according to the city's plan. Construction could begin in 2013.

Community stakeholders were relieved to hear that their favorite designs remained.

"They were the superior three schemes, and a lot of

people felt that way," said Jane McGroarty, Brooklyn Heights Association president and member of the park's community advisory council. "We wanted something open, so there wasn't a bulky, unwelcoming wall between the park and the development."

PROSPECT PARK

'Quack' down

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn's obsession with Prospect Park's waterfowl has gone so far that even graffiti taggers are paying tribute to the feathered creatures.

A vandal spray-painted the word "QUACK" next to a painted trail of webbed feet on East Lake Drive — across from a lake where federal agents slaughtered hundreds of geese in the name of aviation safety in 2010.

The tagger struck with baby blue paint last week, creating what might be a heartfelt homage to the borough's squawkers.

Paul Nelson, a spokesman for the park, called the fowl graffiti foul play, and promised to remove it. The city isn't planning on removing the "duck tracks," which were painted years ago to guide visitors to the boathouse.



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Big shrimpin': 'Burgs 7 ton seafood heist

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Southside–Bushwick
That’s a lot of clams!
A fishy thief stole \$77,000 worth of shrimp and salmon from a Metropolitan Avenue seafood store.

The proprietor of DZH Import and Export told cops that he locked up his store at 5 pm on Feb. 20, but when he returned at 11:30 am the next day, he saw that 720 boxes of seafood — approximately 15,500 pounds of shrimp and 3,300 pounds of salmon — were missing.

Group effort

Four teenage thugs beat up a woman and stole her purse on Orient Avenue on Feb. 20.

The victim told police she left the L-train station and was near Graham Avenue at 10:20 pm when the bullies surrounded her. One pulled her ponytail, bringing her to the ground, while the others started to punch and kick her, knocking off her glasses.

An accomplice grabbed her purse, and the group ran away.

Double team

A sleazy perp stole \$70 from a woman in the Flushing Avenue J train station on Feb. 24.

The victim told police she was entering the turnstile near Broadway, when a man tried to double up with her and said, “Do you know that you are gorgeous?”

The woman pushed the creep away, but he had al-

ready reached into her purse and grabbed the cash.

Fun synagogue

Two unholy thieves stole \$800, four bottles of brandy, and a carton of cigarettes from a Gerry Street synagogue on Feb. 25.

A witness said that perps broke into the synagogue’s basement at 1:10 am, grabbed the cash, smokes, and booze, and left at 1:36 am.

Gun punch

A thief tried to rob a woman on the Williamsburg Bridge footpath on Feb. 22, but punched her in the face instead.

The victim told police she was near S. Fifth Street at 6:05 pm when the perp approached her, showed her a gun, and said, “Give me your phone and your bag.”

The victim refused, so the perp punched her and then ran toward Bedford Avenue.

Phone theft

A thief stole an iPhone from a woman on the Queens-bound J train at Hewes Street on Feb. 21.

The victim told police she was sitting on the train and texting with her phone at 5:20 pm when the perp grabbed the phone and fled out of the train.

She chased him out of the station toward Broadway but lost sight of him.

Purse snatch

A thief stole a woman’s purse on Manhattan Avenue on Feb. 22.

The victim told police

that the man approached her near Scholes Street at 11:20 pm and wrestled her for her purse, cutting her right knee in the scuffle.

MacTook

A thief stole a computer and iPod from a McKibbin Street apartment on Feb. 22.

The tenant told police that she went to sleep at midnight, but when she woke up, she saw her property was missing.

Honda heist

A thief stole a Honda parked on S. First Street overnight on Feb. 24.

The driver said he parked his car near Hooper Street at 6 pm, but when he returned at 9:45 am the next day, it was gone.

Semi stolen

A thief stole a semi truck parked on Metropolitan Avenue.

The driver said he parked his vehicle near Grand Street on Feb. 20 at 2:30 pm, but when he returned at 4:30 am the next day, he saw the truck was missing, but the trailer it had been attached to was left at the location.

Honda grabbed

A thief stole a Honda parked on Union Avenue.

The driver told cops he parked his car near S. First Street on Feb. 20 at 10:30 am, but when he returned at 8:45 am the next day, the car was missing.

Bike moved

A thief stole a motorcycle parked on Graham Ave-

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nue on Feb. 22.

The driver told police he parked his chopper near Devoe Street at 2:20 pm, but when he returned an hour later, it was gone.

— Aaron Short

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Brooklyn Heights–DUMBO–Boerum Hill–Downtown

Semi-automatic

Thugs toting a semi-automatic gun robbed a man at the Atlantic Avenue subway station on Feb. 23.

The victim said he was on a Manhattan-bound D train that was stopped at the Atlantic Avenue-Pacific Street station at 1:30 am when the crooks showed off the weapon and grabbed his iPhone.

Subway steal

Two thieves stole a cellphone and iPod from a man at the York Street subway station on Feb. 23.

The straphanger said he was riding a Manhattan-bound F train at 2:50 am when the crooks boarded at the York Street station near Jay Street and grabbed his electronic devices.

Lots of burglars

Thieves broke into at least five homes last week. Here are the details:

- A crook stole a computer and TV from a Dean Street apartment on Feb. 24.

- The occupant said she left the home between Third and Fourth avenues at 1:30 am. When she returned at 7:30 am, the front door was unlocked and the items were missing.

- Someone broke into a Court Street apartment sometime between Feb. 18 and Feb. 20.

- The occupant said she left the home between Dean and Pacific streets at 12:45 pm on Feb. 18. When she returned at 6:50 pm on Feb. 20, the front door was unlocked and several household items were missing.

- A thief swiped a computer monitor and \$2,500 from a Wyckoff Street home on Feb. 9.

- The occupant said she left the home between Smith and Hoyt streets at 1 pm. When she returned at 9 pm, the front door was unlocked and the screen and cash were no longer there.

- A burglar stole a computer from a Bridge Street home sometime between Feb. 18 and Feb. 20.

- The occupant told police she left the apartment between Willoughby Street and the Myrtle Avenue Promenade at 11:30 am on Feb. 18. When she returned at 4:30 pm on Feb. 20, the laptop was missing.

- A thief who broke into a State Street home on Feb. 21 was caught red-handed by the apartment’s occupant and fled before making off with his booty.

- The victim told cops when she entered her home between Nevins and Bond streets at 1 pm, she found a stranger rummaging through the apartment. The surprised burglar fled the flat, screaming, “Don’t follow me or I’ll hurt you.”

Botched rob

Ten thugs tried to rob a woman on Sands Street on Feb. 25, but ran off after she let out a blood-curdling scream.

The victim said she was near Gold Street at 7:10 pm when the men stopped her and one of them flashed a handgun. But the woman screamed at the top of her lungs, and the terrified crooks ran away.

Lobby mug

A crook robbed a man in the lobby of his Remsen Street apartment building on Feb. 20.

The victim told cops that the thief followed him into the lobby of his building between Henry and Hicks streets at 2:35 pm and told him, “I have a gun.” The thief didn’t produce the weapon, but the man handed over his cellphone anyway.

Baby blues

A heartless crook stole an unattended baby bag from the Court Street Barnes and Noble on Feb. 20.

The baby’s father said he left the bag on the floor at the store near State Street at 12:30 pm. When he returned to retrieve it 20 minutes later, the all-important bag was missing. It contained an iPhone, a wallet, and the baby’s medication.

Cash grab

A thief stole \$200 from a woman on Willoughby Street on Feb. 20.

The victim said she was near Jay Street at 3 pm when the crook snatched the cash and fled.

Hard news

A crook stole construction equipment from a Court Street newsstand on Feb. 23.

The owner of the newsstand at Joralemon Street said he locked the kiosk at 11 pm on Feb. 22. When he returned the next morning at 6 am, a storage locker inside of the newsstand, which contained the equipment, was open and the gear was missing.

Gym rat

A thief swiped credit cards and \$300 from a locker at the Doge YMCA on Atlantic Avenue on Feb. 18.

The victim said he left his property in a locker at the gym near Court Street at 3:45 pm before going to workout. When he returned after exercising, the items were gone.

Workout ruined

A thief swiped \$1,000 from a locker at the Planet Fitness gym on Duffield Street on Feb. 22.

The victim said she left the cash in her locker at the gym between Fulton and Willoughby streets at 7:50 pm before going to workout. When she returned at 9 pm, the money was gone.

Wallet snatch

A crook stole a wallet from the Planet Fitness gym on Duffield Street on Feb. 24.

The victim said he left the wallet in his locker at the gym between Fulton and Willoughby streets at 3 pm before going to exercise.

When he returned three hours later, the wallet was missing.

Purse stings

Two thugs robbed a woman at knifepoint on Bridge Street on Feb. 25.

The victim told cops she was near Willoughby Street at 12:30 am when the men flashed the knife and demanded she hand over her purse. The woman complied, and the thugs ran off.

Bike heist

A thief stole a bike from Hicks Street sometime between Feb. 19 and Feb. 20.

The chopper’s owner said he parked the two-wheeler near Clark Street at 5 pm on Feb. 19. When he returned the next day at 3 pm, the motorcycle was missing.

— Daniel Bush

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Bad vibrations

A creep swiped some kinky toys from an apartment on 14th Street on Feb. 25.

The 22-year-old victim told cops she moved some belongings out of her home near Third Avenue at 10:45 pm, then went elsewhere to sleep.

She came back the next day at 3 pm for some items she hadn’t moved, and discovered a white metal trunk — full of \$300 worth of sex toys — and a laptop were gone.

Neighbors later told her that they spotted the front door ajar.

Pickup line

A knife-wielding thug beat up a man on Fourth Ave on Feb. 26.

The 24-year-old victim told cops he was near Ninth Street at 2:40 pm when a man wearing a blue hooded jacket walked up and asked, “Do I know you from somewhere?”

The jerk then punched the poor guy in the face and slashed his left hand with a knife.

Dirty soap

Two thieves snatched some laundry detergent from a bodega on St. Marks Place on Feb. 22, police say.

A worker at Slope Natural Foods near Fifth Avenue told cops he was making sandwiches at 2:05 pm when he spotted two men stealing boxes of Tide.

The sandwich maker then confronted the guys — but one of them fired back, “Do you wanna see my gun?” and ran away, according to cops.

Police arrested two suspects at the Bergen Street subway station a couple blocks away.

Rider rage

A knife-toting jerk slashed a man on Flatbush Avenue on Feb. 20.

The 28-year-old victim told cops that he was talking on a cellphone next to the Grand Army Plaza subway station at 8:05 pm when he got into a dispute with an angry man wearing a gray jacket.

The madman then allegedly punched the straphanger in the head three times, choked him, and sliced his hand with a knife.

Mailing it in

A thief stole a wallet from a woman at a post office on Ninth Street on Feb. 21.

The 34-year-old victim told cops she hung her purse on the back of a stroller while mailing a package between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 11 am. She stepped away from the stroller for a few minutes, only to discover that her purse — and the brown Gucci wallet inside — were gone.

Window sneak

A thief snatched some jewelry from an apartment on Carroll Street on Feb. 23.

The 24-year-old-victim told cops that she left her home near Seventh Avenue at 8:15 am, then came back at 9:30 pm.

That’s when she discovered two Mac computers and a jewelry box were gone.

A window near the fire escape had been left ajar, she said.

Van plan

A crook stole a van on Second Avenue on Feb. 23.

The 29-year-old victim told cops that he parked a silver Dodge Grand Caravan near Ninth Street at 1 pm, then came back about eight hours later. That was enough time for the thief to steal the \$2,000 ride — leaving no sign of broken glass.

— Natalie O’Neill

76TH PRECINCT

Carroll Gardens–Cobble Hill–Red Hook

Slugged

Police arrested a man who they said assaulted another fellow on Henry Street on Feb. 26.

The victim told cops that he was arguing with the suspect between Warren and Baltic streets at 3:50 pm when the brute slugged him in the face.

Cops showed up a half-hour later and took the suspect into custody.

Swiper swiped

A thief took a computer and credit card swiper from a business on Degraw Street on Feb. 26.

Employees at the establishment between Smith and Court streets said the crook entered the store sometime after 3 am, taking an HP computer worth \$700 and a credit card swiper valued at \$150.

Car crook

A crook took off with a wallet after raiding a truck parked on Bush Street on Feb. 22.

The victim told cops that he parked his car between Clinton and Court streets at 1 pm, leaving his wallet in the sun visor, but forgetting to close his rear window.

He returned five hours later to find his wallet missing, along with the \$50, credit cards, driver’s license, and Social Security card it contained.

— Colin Mixson

77TH PRECINCT

Prospect Heights

Popped

A ruffian punched an older man on Vanderbilt Avenue on Feb. 26.

The 61-year-old victim told cops he was between St. Marks Avenue and Bergen Street at 8 pm when the thug popped him in the face — giving him a bloody nose and a swollen eye — before fleeing.

Rear window

Thieves stuck Vanderbilt Avenue, robbing two apartments in a building between Bergen and Dean streets on Feb. 27.

- A 27-year-old victim of one of the apartments told cops that he left for work at 6:45 am, and returned at 7 pm to find his laptop, computer, and video games gone. He said one rear window had been left unlocked.

- The 40-year-old victim of the second apartment told cops he left for work at 10:30 am, and returned at 4:15 pm to find his front door jammed — and his computer and camera gone. The thief had also apparently entered through the rear window, cops said.

Punch patrol

A roving flock of jerks punched a man on Eastern Parkway on Feb. 25.

The 25-year-old victim told cops he was between Underhill and Washington avenues at 11:45 pm when one of the men punched him in the face and fled.

Hit and flee

A thug also punched a man on Eastern Parkway on Feb. 26.

The 26-year-old victim told cops he was at Underhill Avenue at 1 am when the thug hit him in the face and fled.

Car smash

A crook broke the window of a car parked on Pacific Street and stole its navigation system on Feb. 24.

The 37-year-old victim

told cops she left her car between Underhill and Vanderbilt avenues at 10 am, returning at 5:45 pm to find her passenger-side window broken and the electronic system gone.

— Eli Rosenberg

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene–Clinton Hill

Tour de force

A quartet of robbers attacked a man waiting for a Queens-bound G train at the Clinton-Washington station on Feb. 22.

The 24-year-old victim from Los Angeles told police that he was at the platform at 2:20 am when four men surrounded him and one of them pushed him down onto the tracks and yelled, “Give me your stuff!”

Then two of the cold-blooded crooks jumped down and pounded his face before stealing his iPhone, wallet, and \$900 Canon camera.

Gun play

A mob of men — one with a firearm — robbed a Hall Street warehouse on Feb. 25.

The 36-year-old employee told police that he was at the storage facility near Flushing Avenue at 5:30 pm, when one goon held him at gunpoint and said, “We don’t want to hurt you. We just want the merchandise.”

More than six thieves hauled boxes of loot into a moving truck and finally let him go at 1:30 am.

Phone clip

Muggers punched a woman on St. Edwards Street and snatched her phone on Feb. 19.

The 20-year-old victim told police that she was near Myrtle Avenue at 6:45 pm when the goons approached her from behind and socked her in the head. They fled after one of the thieves yanked her cellphone. She then walked to the nearby Brooklyn Hospital.

Foot the bill

A knife-wielding lunatic stole a teen’s iPhone and sneakers on St. James Place on Feb. 26.

The 15-year-old victim told police that he was near Fulton Street at 4:30 pm when the evildoer demanded, “Give up your stuff!”

The teen forked over his mobile and \$120 Air Jordans and the bandit fled.

Cops say that the kid refuses to identify the attacker.

Food chain

A gang of five beat up a woman on Willoughby Street and stole her bag of groceries on Feb. 19.

The 41-year-old victim told cops that she was near Flatbush Avenue Extension at 8:50 pm when one teenage girl and four boys surrounded her.

She said that the posse punched her in the face and demanded money. Instead, they fled with her bag of edibles.

Kids’ steal

A sneaky woman snatched two purses from the Chuck E. Cheese on Flatbush Avenue on Feb. 20.

One 22-year-old victim told police she was at the kids’ eatery in Atlantic Terminal Mall at 9:30 pm when she left her Coach bag with a friend.

That’s when the grifter approached her pal and asked for directions to the restroom. When swindler walked away, the victim noticed her stuff — including a Kindle and \$18 — was gone.

Wheel bad

Some jerk ran off with the tires and rims of brand-new Nissan sedan parked on S. Portland Avenue on Feb. 23.

The 23-year-old victim told police that he parked it near Atlantic Avenue at 12:30 am. When he returned the next morning, the \$4,000 tires on his black car were gone.

Sock hop

A ruthless creep broke a man’s nose on DeKalb Avenue on Feb. 24.

The 23-year-old victim told police that he was near Flatbush Avenue Extension at 1:10 am when the knave punched him in the face — causing cuts and a fractured sniffer.

The victim was taken to Lutheran Hospital.

Stealth care

A shady patient at Brooklyn Hospital stole an employee’s cellphone on Feb. 22.

The 21-year-old victim told police that she was at the clinic at DeKalb Avenue and Willoughby Street at 1:55 pm when she placed her mobile on a table and left a patient in the room.

When she returned, her phone was gone.

Tech heist

A burglar scored a MacBook, hard drive, iPod, and some Xanax after he broke into a Cumberland Street apartment on Feb. 24.

The 25-year-old victim told police that she left her home near Lafayette Avenue at 8 am.

When she returned at 3:30 pm, her gear was gone.

— Kate Briquelet

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge–Dyker Heights

Brutal mugging

A thug assaulted and robbed a woman on Third Avenue on Feb. 24.

The victim told cops that she was near 75th Street at 2:40 am when the brute punched her in the face and then stomped on her chest after she’d fallen to the pavement. The thug then snatched up the woman’s black handbag, which contained \$60 and credit cards.

Dine and dash

A thief robbed a diner on Fifth Avenue on Feb. 21.

Police say the crook broke into the eatery between 85th and 86th streets at 5:30 pm by prying open the back door, and grabbed \$50 from the register.

Cards swiped

A crook stole some credit cards left in a man’s car on 79th Street on Feb. 23.

The victim told police that he parked his car between Seventh and 10th avenues at 2 pm, and when he returned later that day, he discovered that the cards were gone.

An earful

Two gun-wielding thugs robbed a man on Ovington Avenue on Feb. 25.

The victim told police that he was opening the front door to his house between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 1:12 am when the thugs appeared, placed the gun behind his head, and demanded the book bag he was wearing. He resisted and one of gunmen dragged him to the ground.

“Shoot him,” one of the evildoers barked. The other thug then shot off a round near the victim’s ear, barely missing him. The victim said he gave up the bag, which contained \$15,000.

Broke in

A crook broke into a woman’s home on 84th Street on Feb. 23.

The resident of the home between 12th and 13th avenues told cops that the thief pried open the rear door at 9:30 am, taking property that she did not name.

— Colin Mixson

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint–Northside

Slap happy

Police arrested a thief who they say stole a man’s phone on Graham Avenue.

The victim told police he was near Conselyea Street at 10:30 pm when the 16-year-old slapped his hand and took his iPhone. Police arrested a suspect a few blocks away.



POETRY

Poetry pros

This isn't your run-of-the-mill, neighborhood poetry slam.

On Mar. 9, the Brooklyn Academy of Music is hosting "Poetry 2012: Grand Slam," a night of performances from the country's most talented



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

slam-poets, beat-boxers, and hip-hop artists in a multi-cultural, interdisciplinary extravaganza celebrating the art of the spoken word.

"It will be weird," said poet Joshua Bennett, a Princeton grad student who is performing with the poetic ensemble Striver's

Row. "There will be polyphonic type stuff going on. It is definitely not going to be all a cappella."

Hosting the poetic performances will be the all-star duo of Hip-hop duo Baba Israel, a hip-hop emcee, poet, and beat boxer, who has been featured on MTV, VH1, and BET; and DJ Reborn.

"We scout for the best poets nationally and internationally," said Foster. "When choosing the artists to be involved, we look for poets who have a strong message to share with the students."

BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. between Rockwell and Ashland places in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100] Mar. 9, 7:30 pm. \$10, for info, visit www.bam.org — **Colin Mixson**

THEATER

Burn, baby!

For four nights in March, the Brooklyn Lyceum will be transformed into an infamous coal mining town with a haunted past, thanks to Ugly Rhino Productions, a booze-infused theater company with a penchant for putting on weird shows with tailor-made cocktails to match.

"Centralia: A Nice Place to Live," which opens on March 2 and runs every Friday night for the following four weeks, traverses the lives of nine fictional characters from a real-life ghost town in Pennsylvania that caught fire more than 50 years ago and continues to burn. Throughout the evening, theater-goers will visit six different "houses," set up inside a warehouse space at the Brooklyn Lyceum, each of which occupied by a different character who will deliver an interactive monologue. Additionally, there will be six artisanal cocktails, meant to correspond to each scene and character, that audience members can redeem with tearable tickets printed in their programs.

"Centralia: A Nice Place to Live," at the Brooklyn Lyceum [227 4th Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816]. March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 8 pm. Tickets, \$25, includes six specialty cocktails. For info, visit www.unglyrhinonyc.com. — **Juliet Linderman**



BOOKS

Living single

One is more like a singular sensation than the loneliest number these days.

At least that's what sociology superstar Eric Klinenberg argues in his new book, "Going Solo: The Extraordinary Rise and Surprising Appeal of Living Alone."



Photo by Rona Talcott

Klinenberg will be joined by authors Kate Bolick and Daniel Smith for a booze-fueled discussion of the single life, co-sponsored by N+1 Magazine at powerHouse Arena on March 6, fittingly called, Singles Going Steady.

"Living alone is the biggest social change in the last 50 years that we've failed to name or identify," said Klinenberg. "I came to see the rise of living alone as this incredible social experiment, and one that was far more interesting than we typically believe."

Kate Bolick, who penned a cover story on the topic in the Atlantic Monthly last year, believes that snagging a one-bedroom apartment is more liberating now than it's ever been.

"It was an eye-opening process to try and wrap my eye around this large, multi-faceted conversation about our moment," Bolick said. Bolick attributes the rise of feminism and the knowledge economy, to which women are typically better suited than men, and increasing educational opportunities and higher wages for women in the workforce as driving factors of the vast numbers of women choosing to stay single. "It's brought us to a place that nobody anticipated."

Singles Going Steady at powerHouse Arena [37 Main St. between Water and Front streets in DUMBO, (718) 230-4530]. For info, visit www.powerhousearena.com. — **Juliet Linderman**

By Sarah Zorn

for The Brooklyn Paper

ain't no thing but a chicken wing! Such was the case at Sunday's third annual Best Wings in Brooklyn Competition, held at Red Star bar in Greenpoint, where this writer had the considerable pleasure — along with reps from Yelp, the Daily News, Brooklyn Exposed and Food Curated — of judging the chicken-fried goods of some of the most banging wing slingers in the borough.

We were joined by more than 2,000 poultry aficionados — who dutifully waded through an impressive roster of wings that ranged from sweet and saucy (Red Star's Raspberry BBQ), to smoky (Lonestar's Chipotle), to simple and spicy (Life Café's Buffalo), to SoCo sloshed (the Bayou at Bay Ridge's Bean Post Pub).

And although the palates of the crowd proved to be as wide-ranging as the various flavor profiles, all were uniquely united in the end by an unapologetically primal love of wings.

"I think this brings us to our very early human nature — literally ripping flesh from bone," explained Adam Troeder, who travelled from the Upper West Side and waited on a two-hour line for the event. "In a way, I think it's a sophisticated development in our evolutionary process; showing we don't need the aid of tools and utensils to help us with our basic needs."

Newcomer Canarsie contender Brooklyn Wings definitely nailed all of our primary pleasure points — emerging as a sleeper hit to take third place with an organic, Asian-fusion wing.

Second place was a bone of contention for the judges, pitting Mulholland's of Williamsburg's audaciously naked dry-rubbed wing against Bonnie's of Park Slope's traditional, hot-sauce sluiced take.

This judge was duly won over by an acidic squirt of fresh lime that topped Mulholland's entry, but — not willing to stage a reenactment of 12 Angry Men — eventually let it go. No such battles were waged over the evening's ultimate winner, how-



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

So fly: Sarah Young and Billy Mulholland of Mulholland's in Williamsburg presented a spicy dry-rubbed wing at the Best of Brooklyn chicken wing competition at Red Star Bar in Greenpoint.

ever, with 2010's inaugural champion — Crown Heights' Super Wings NY — once again flying away with the prize.

"I think people love us because we go real strong with the flavor, marinating the

chicken for 24 hours before we even fry it," said owner Colette Burnett of her zesty, meaty, impossibly crisp-tender Caribbean-accented wing with lava sauce.

"I am beyond excited; this is the biggest win

for us," she added. "Our business was only five months old when we competed for the first time, so to win again in 2012 is amazing. Brooklyn is the best place in the world, so to be best in Brooklyn — my goodness!"

Sling your own wings

Want to know what an award winning wing tastes like? Get ready for next year's The Best Wings in Brooklyn competition by studying up on Colette Burnett's game-changing recipe below.



TRINI TAMARIND WINGS

Courtesy of Burnett, Super Wings NY
Makes 35–40 wings

CARIBBEAN-STYLE MARINADE

1/3 cup fresh thyme leaves
1/3 cup garlic cloves
1/2 cup chopped scallions
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
2 tblsp. Cajun seasoning
1/4 cup vinegar
4 pounds chicken wings

TRINI TAMARIND SAUCE

2 cups tamarind pulp (soak 1 lb. peeled

tamarind fruit in 1 1/2 cups warm water, then sieve to extract seeds and seed coverings).

1 cup water
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
3 tblsp. salt
2 tblsp. pureed garlic
1 1/2 tblsp. garam masala
1 tsp. ground cumin
Habanero pepper, or red pepper flakes

LAVA SAUCE

1/4 cup olive oil
1 clove garlic
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tblsp. sugar

and saute the garlic until golden; remove and cool. Add all the other ingredients, combine completely, and refrigerate.

Preheat the oil to 350 degrees F.

Add the chicken wings to the oil and deep fry until they are crispy and golden, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oil and drain.

Transfer the wings to a hot wok and douse with Trini Tamarind Sauce. Saute the wings for one minute in the sauce, remove, and drizzle with Lava Sauce for an extra punch of spicy goodness.

Super Wings NY [1218 Union St. between Rogers and Nostrand avenues in Crown Heights, (718) 467-8737].

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WHERE TO GO

EDITORS' PICKS

SATURDAY

March 3



Birthday bash

The Bushwick Community Darkroom is turning one, and to celebrate they're throwing a birthday bash featuring NYC's most sizzling women rockers. Chicks Throwing Bricks, Massage Club, Elle King, American Sun, and Jazzy & the Belles are among the hot chick musicians booked for the festivities in an effort to raise funds for the film developer's new space.

8 pm. *Pine Box Rock Shop* [12 Grattan St. between Morgan Avenue and Bogart Street in Bushwick, (718) 366-6311] \$5–\$50 suggested donation, for info, visit [www.bushwickcommunitydarkroom.com](#).

SUNDAY

March 4

Fresh tunes!

The verbosely dubbed "DJ Uncle Mike & Collect-I-Bowl Crew present the Collect-I-Bowl Record Show" is a one-day convention of vinyl vendors and record collectors that's perfect for treasure seeking music lovers with a love for that analogue crackle. Be sure to show up early, and stake your claim before all the rare finds are picked clean from amongst the thousands of 2 inches, 7 inches and Picture Discs.

11 am. *Brooklyn Bowl* [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 12th and N. 11th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369]. Free, for info, visit [www.brooklynbowl.com](#).



TUESDAY

March 6



Think ink

Author Stacy Pershall grew up depressed and too smart for her own good, a situation that worsened over the years. Eventually, she found unlikely solace in tattoos. Join East River Tattoo artist Sue Jeiven and artist Kitty Jo Sainte-Marie for a discussion about books, ink and tattoos' cathartic effect.

7 pm. *WORD* [126 Franklin St. between Milton and Noble streets in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096]. Free, for info visit [www.wordbrooklyn.com](#).

SATURDAY

March 10

Galleries after dark

Williamsburg and Greenpoint's galleries are throwing open their doors and staying open late-night, so North Brooklyn's artists, revelers and night owls can peruse the nabe's artsy digs and check out what the most cutting edge artists are getting up to.

7:30 pm. *The Bell House* [149 7th St. between Second and Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510] \$18 [\$15 in advance] For info, visit [www.thebellhouse.com](#) 8 pm.



SUNDAY

March 11



Invisible doodle

Daniel Horowitz decided he needed a break from his computer, so he proposed a personal challenge; draw one picture every day, for a whole year. At the Invisible Dog Art Center, he'll be showcasing his project — and all 365 pieces of art — that he created during his year of drawing, painting, and collaging.

6 pm. *Invisible Dog Art Center* [51 Bergen St. between Smith Street and Boerum Place in Boerum Hill, (646) 270-2550] Free, for info, visit [www.theinvisibledog.org](#).

NINE DAYS

BROOKLYN



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

On fire: Go see Ben Marcus read from his new novel, "The Flame Alphabet," on March 8 at St. Francis College.

ders; panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder. The course is led by June Rodrigues and Shelly Eisenhart and is for family members, not persons suffering from the disorders. Presented by NAMI East Flatbush, Inc. **Free.** 10 am–12:30 pm. Kings County Hospital Center

[451 Clarkson Ave. between New York Avenue and E. 34th Street in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, (718) 512-5269].

TAX HELP: 10 am–2 pm. See Friday, March 2.

GRAND OPENING: Come visit the Stork for a change of pace. The

FRI, MARCH 2

TAX HELP: Need help with filing your returns? LIU Brooklyn is offering to prepare forms for seniors, disabled people and low-income families. Appointment necessary. Bring valid photo ID, social security cards for dependents and self; income records including W-2s and 1099s and if possible last year's returns. **Free.** 10 am–2 pm. Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 780-4062].

TAX PREP: Councilman Domenic Recchia, (D–Coney Island), Food Bank for New York City and The City University of New York invite qualified individuals to a tax prep day. Qualified individuals must bring Photo ID, SS Card or ITIN; W-2s for all jobs held in 2011; 1099-G if you received unemployment in 2011; 100-INT bank account in 2011; 1098-T if you paid tuition; 1098-E if you paid student loan interest; and if you are claiming child care expenses, the amount you paid and child care agency's ID or name and SS number of the babysitter. (Income limits are \$50,000 with dependents and \$18,000 without dependents.) **Free.** 10 am–5 pm. Gravesend Public Library [303 Ave. X between West First and West Second streets in Gravesend, (718) 894-8060], [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](#).

WORKSHOP, YOGA: Instructor Diana Treglia directs seniors in a restorative yoga class. \$15. 1:30pm–3 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5050], [www.kingsborough.edu](#).

WORKSHOP, FUN FRIDAYS: Children get together with friends and play video games. **Free.** 4 pm. Eastern Parkway Public Library [1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 778-9330], [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](#).

NEW YEAR GALA: Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with a hot buffet. **Free.** 7 pm–9:30 pm. New Utrecht High School [1601 80th St. at 16th Avenue in Bensonhurst, (718) 492-0409 X 312].

SAT, MARCH 3

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA": An opera double-feature with subtitles and orchestra accompaniment. \$20. 3 pm. Regina Hall [1210 65th St. at 12th Avenue in Dyker Heights, (718) 259-2772], [www.reginaopera.org](#).

OTHER

TAX HELP: State Sen. Marty Golden is sponsoring income tax preparation for seniors; by appointment only. **Free.** 9 am–11:30 am. District office [7408 Fifth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-6044].

WORKSHOP, HEALTH EDUCATION: Family-to-Family is designed for families, of persons with serious mental illnesses. The course covers info on schizophrenia, mood disorders; panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder. The course is led by June Rodrigues and Shelly Eisenhart and is for family members, not persons suffering from the disorders. Presented by NAMI East Flatbush, Inc. **Free.** 10 am–12:30 pm. Kings County Hospital Center

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SUN, MARCH 4


PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, CONTEMPORARY CONCERT: Klea Blackhurst and Bill Stritch perform the songs of Hoagy Carmichael. \$25. 3 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], [www.onstageatkingsborough.org](#).

MUSIC, CONCERT: Grammy award winner Billy Stritch performs selections from the Mel Torme Songbook. \$25. 3 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000], [www.kingsborough.edu](#).

MUSIC, "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA": 3 pm. See Saturday, March 3.

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This week’s food gossip

Your hot and juicy helping of sweet, sticky restaurant news

**Foodie-in-Chief**
By Sarah Zorn

Head the latest gossip? The second time may not have been a charm in Bay Ridge and Park Slope, but Williamsburg fares extra-well this week with chicken, crack pie, and a building full of edible businesses.

On ice?
There’s something funky going on with Hinsch’s — the 63-year-old Bay Ridge luncheonette, ice cream parlor and candy shop that unceremoniously

closed then unexpectedly reopened again in the span of one month. Grub Street reports that it’s on the market again — with realtors asking \$195,000 key money for the \$9,000 lease — although the sources we contacted at the very much open restaurant insist it’s not true. Dairy drama!

Got milk
Great news for anyone unwilling to change out of their jammies to satiate a craving for compost cookies and crack pie! The Williamsburg branch of Momofuku Milk Bar now delivers everything from pork buns (all of the fixings come in separate containers), to shakes (cereal milk, banana split and pretzel), to meal deals and party

packs (the \$20 Bridgette Jones lets you drown your sorrows in six cookies and six beers, the \$32 Date Night invites you to split two pork or veggie buns, two slices of crack pie, and six beers with your sweetie). Beats the pants off of a midnight bodega raid of Diet Pepsi and Slim Jims.

‘Till’ then
Rest assured, rabid supporters of Tillie’s (the beloved, recently shuttered Fort Greene coffeeshop) — the bar and café about to take its place “won’t be corporate and it won’t be wanker.” Thus quoted a certain former Brooklyn Paper editor in his interview with Dominic Tracy — the Aussie owner of the as-yet-unnamed eatery — who

promises to “look after the neighborhood” by “not serving takeaway food or coffee before 5pm.”

Mix nixed
Talk about a quick turnover! We’d like to say we’re surprised to hear that Mix — the half-hearted small plates redux of Park Slope’s Mexicali eatery Barrio — has closed after barely one month, but... (clears throat). Here’s Park Slope reveals that Casa Ventura — a presumably Spanish spot (hopefully not the small bites kind), is setting up shop on the spacious Seventh Avenue corner.

Funky chicken
Feather Factory is flying into a

vacated Park Avenue Luncheonette at 334 Driggs Ave. Get ready, mother pluckers — Williamsburg’s first rotisserie chicken joint should be ready to spread its wings come spring.


Lake effect
It’s not all good times and crack pie in Williamsburg this week — Eater reports that the well-liked restaurant Masten Lake has closed after only seven months in business. Some readers attribute the shutter to “overpriced, pretentious food,” some on the media — giving the lion’s share of coverage to nearby neighbor Meatball Shop. Are we to blame for Masten Lake’s demise? Discuss.



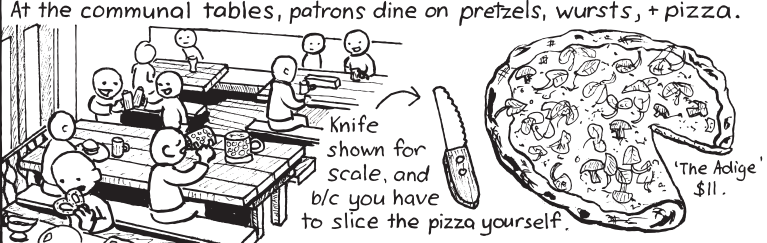
Crack up: Now you can get Momofuku’s scrumptious pie slices delivered right to your door!

BAR SCRAWL
By Bill Roundy


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A bite outta the bridge

New sandwich shop serves up open-faced tributes to an icon

By Kate Briquet
The Brooklyn Paper

He’s got a bridge to sell you! Maimonide of Brooklyn is dishing out open-faced odes to the Brooklyn Bridge in sandwich form — topping flatbread shaped like the monument’s arches with kale, eggplant, horseradish and Moroccan spices. Just don’t call them pizzas. They’re MOB’s. “It’s been a trial to explain to people what it is,” said chef Neal Harden, referring to the whole-wheat mosaics named after the restaurant’s initials. “We’re constantly tinkering with the menu to make it more interesting.” The Atlantic Avenue vegetarian spot offers an intrepid slew of architectural gluten, including the Iron Man, a blend of shiitake, sautéed kale and horseradish aioli; and the Brave Heart, a bold cocktail of sun-dried tomato, caper and parsley pesto and portobello mushroom. There’s also the Belly Charmer, an arch of eggplant, zucchini, carrot, pistachio, mint and cilantro. French hotelier Cyril



Flatten out: Joseph Santiago shows off the Iron Man and Belly Charmer — two of Maimonide of Brooklyn’s open-faced odes to the Brooklyn Bridge.

DINING

Maimonide of Brooklyn [525 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 797-2555]. For info, visit www.mob-usa.com.

Aouizerate is the mastermind behind these finger-food delicacies. He created his casual-chic boîte in honor of medieval philosopher, Maimonides, who argued that God preferred people to adopt plant-based diets. Aouizerate, who spends half his time in Paris, decked his cozy enclave with large wooden communal tables, a bright yellow wall with a flag of red, white and blue tiles, and a spot up front for a soulful deejay. Waiters serve the MOB’s, cut into three pieces, on Paris-made silver platters with indents perfectly shaped for the breaded curvature. “People think it’s a novelty,” said Joseph Santiago, who works at Maimonide. “They’re overwhelmed by the space itself and then you see the food. It’s humble — something that’s so authentically Brooklyn.”

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It's Phil and Phil

Brooklyn orchestra teams up with a legend for a boro-centric show

By Eli Rosenberg
The Brooklyn Paper

Who said classical music can't have lyrics?

On March 4, the Brooklyn Philharmonic will team up with legendary wordsmith Phillip Lopate for a concert that will blend the orchestra's Brooklyn-inspired original score and Lopate's lyrical words — as well of those written by some of Brooklyn's most notable literary figures — to weave a musical tapestry that serves as something of a love letter to the borough.

"We're trying to re-imagine the orchestra as a connection point," said Alan Pierson, the recently anointed artistic director of the group, that's already performed with such anti-

MUSIC

The Brooklyn Philharmonic with Phillip Lopate: "Living in Brooklyn" at Brooklyn Heights Public Library [280 Cadman Plaza W. between Johnson and Tillary streets, (718) 623-7100] Mar. 1, 6:30 pm and the Brooklyn Public Library Central Branch [10 Grand Army Plz. between Plaza Street East and Underhill Avenue (718) 230-2100] Mar. 4, 4 pm. For more info, visit www.bphil.org.

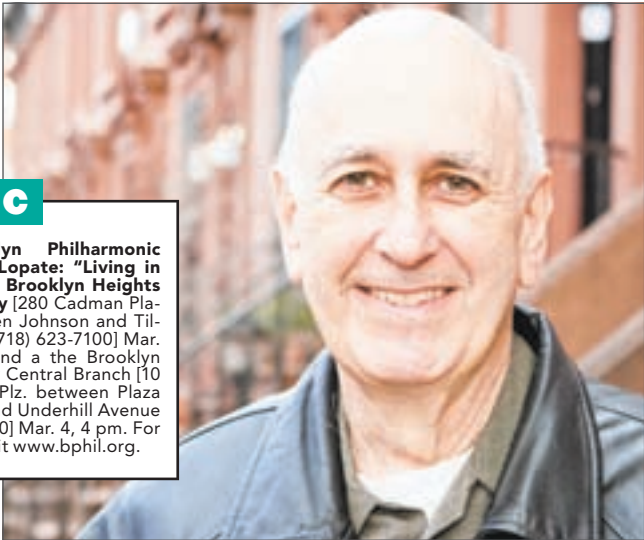


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Get your Phil: Famed scribe Phillip Lopate has written it all, — poetry, novels, essays, criticism — but his collaboration with the Brooklyn Philharmonic will be a first for him.

Get lost in art — really!

Artist puts her experiential art project on the Internet

By Juliet Linderman
for The Brooklyn Paper

Alan Gowanus artist turned her studio into a makeshift travel agency — but instead of selling vacation packages, she gave away mysterious adventures.

Now, Sal Randolph is re-creating the experience of her "Bureau of Unknown Destinations" project online, offering digital, downloadable, do-it-yourself psychogeography kits.

"I've been giving away tickets in a sealed envelope to people and they don't know where they're going," said Sal Randolph, who founded the "Bureau" in late 2011, as part of Proteus Gowanus's year-long exploration of artwork having to do with migration.

By offering visitors to her studio sealed envelopes containing a train ticket to a destination within two hours of New York City, a train timetable, a notebook to record experiences, and a short assignment (find one word that embodies the environment you visit and write it down, for example), Randolph set out to give New Yorkers a spontaneous experience unlike any other.

"The main thing that giving a gift



Courtesy of Sal Randolph

Treasure hunt: For her year-long residency, contemporary artist Sal Randolph transformed her studio in Proteus Gowanus into the Bureau of Unknown Destinations, giving away free tickets to an array of adventures across the tri-state area. Now, she's entering the second phase of her project: DIY destination kits.

does is activate an unexpected situation, or a new situation in a person's life," said Randolph, an artist-in-residence at the Union Street arts space. "Gifts make things happen, and I never know what's going to happen. For me, the art happens for the person who is on the trip while they're having his or her experience. In a sense, the person who

makes the art is the traveller."

After giving away 100 tickets, Randolph has turned her attention to the wilds of the internet, where she aims to enable travellers both in New York and across the world to "unknown" their own environment and surroundings by participating in an adventure aided by her digi-

tal psychogeography kits.

The kits don't include a train ticket, but they do contain seven different ways to randomize the experience of travel including a guide to shuffling timetables at train stations; a downloadable sheet of paper that can be folded into a notebook; a set of cards with factoids and information about destinations reachable by train from New York City; and suggestions for adventures for those who can't afford a train ticket out of the city.

"There's a long tradition of experimental art that seeks to get beyond people's habitual ways of being, in hopes of having a fresh experience, and this is very much a part of those traditions," Randolph said. "The unknowning of your destination allows you to put aside your habits of mind and body for a certain period of time; there's a pent up desire for the unknown, and to encounter that little bit of confusion, disorientation, anxiety and excitement and pleasure."

The Bureau of Unknown Destinations at Proteus Gowanus [543 Union St. at Nevins Street in Gowanus, (718) 243-1572], Saturdays noon–5 pm. For info on psychogeography kits, visit www.unknowndestinations.org.

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KIDS CAFE: 3 pm–5 pm. See Saturday, March 3.

WORKSHOP, AI CHI: Led by instructor Moya McLellan seniors learn water based exercises to strengthen and relax. \$15. 3:15–4:15 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5050], www.kingsborough.edu.

MON, MARCH 5

WORKSHOP, COMPUTER BASICS: Adults learn basic skills. No experience nec-

essary. **Free.** 1 pm. Eastern Parkway Public Library [1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 778-9330], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

BEGINNER'S ESL: Students learn basic structure and vocabulary and communicating in English. Registration required. **Free.** 6:15 to 9:15 pm. Prospect Park YMCA [357 Ninth St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 768-7100], www.ymcanyc.org.

BINGO NIGHT: Bring your luck. \$3. 6:45 pm. St. Columba RC Church - Auditorium [2245 Kimball St. Avenue U and Avenue V in Marine Park, (718) 338-6265].

MUSIC, TURKUAZ RESIDENCY AT BROOKLYN BOWL: **Free.** 7 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

TALK, AFTER 1989 — RACE AFTER MULTICULTURALISM: Featuring Roberto Bedoya, Harold Augenbraum, Ego Trip Magazine, Das Racist and Latoya Peterson. **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

READING, A DISCUSSION WITH ARMCHAIR/SHOTGUN: Featuring Halimah Marcus, Paul Morris, Erin Harris, Eva Ratliff and Anna

Knoebel. **Free.** 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

TUES, MARCH 6

BINGO NIGHT: 11 am. See Monday, March 5.

WORKSHOP, ENGLISH CONVERSATION: Adults practice conversational speech. **Free.** 1 pm. Coney Island Public Library [1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th Street in Coney Island, (718) 265-3220], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 to 9:15 pm. See Monday, March 5.

READING, SINGLES GOING STEADY: Join N+1 magazine and writers Eric Klinenberg, Kate Bolick and Daniel Smith for an evening of discussions about living single. **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

WED, MARCH 7

WORKSHOP, HOMEWORK HELP: Children get after school help with assignments. **Free.** 4:30 pm. Eastern Parkway Public Library [1044 Eastern Pkwy. at Kingston Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 778-9330], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

WORKSHOP, TANGO LESSONS: For adults and youngsters interested in ballroom dancing. No experience and no partners necessary. Sponsored by the FIAO Beacon program. Pre-registration for youngsters required. **Free.** 6 pm–9 pm. IS 96 [99 Ave. P at W. 11th Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 232-2266].

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15 to 9:15 pm. See Monday, March 5.

READING, KEVIN YOUNG: Author of "The Grey Album: On the Blackness of Blackness". **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

THURS, MARCH 8

WORKSHOP, ENGLISH CONVERSATION: 1 pm. See Tuesday, March 6.

WORKSHOP, CROCHET: Adults meet every week and work on their projects. 2 pm. Midwood Public Library [975 E. 16th St. between Avenues J and I in Midwood, (718) 252-0967], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

READING, BEN MARCUS: The author discusses his book "The Flame Alphabet." **Free.** 4:30 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200].

TAX HELP: 6–8 pm. See Saturday, March 3.

BEGINNER'S ESL: 6:15

pm–9:15 pm. See Monday, March 5.

READING, LESLIE EPSTEIN: Author of "Liebestod: Opera Buffa with Leib Goldkorn." **Free.** 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

FRI, MARCH 9

TAX HELP: 10 am–2 pm. See Friday, March 2.

WORKSHOP, FUN FRIDAYS: 4 pm. See Friday, March 2.

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SAT, MARCH 10

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, "CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA": 3 pm. See Saturday, March 3.

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TAX HELP: 9 am–11:30 am. See Saturday, March 3.

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Different, but the same

It is a great thing to show kids how people are the same, everywhere.

We don't see my sister Rachel very often. She and her husband Aaron are on the move for their work on the gas pipeline, traversing the Pacific Northwest and beyond wherever the jobs should take them. While we have lived in the same duplex apartment in Park Slope for nearly a decade, they move constantly, taking up residence in one or another mobile-home park for weeks or sometimes months; they never know for sure.

I hear tales of hot springs, see pictures of beautiful woods and waterfalls but have never been able to coordinate a visit until this past week. Finally, the kids' break and my sister and brother-in-laws' coincided and we caught up with them in their latest locale: Parker, Arizona. It is a place, population just over 3,000, that I'd never even heard of growing up in the relative metropolis of Tucson.

"I'm sorry, we came late and are stuck kind of in back, not on the water but over near where they store the other RVs," my sister apologized in advance of our arrival. I wasn't concerned. I was just excited to finally see her home, or at least one of them, the smaller of their two trailers that they pulled to Parker last year for much-needed R-and-R in between grueling gigs.

The boys were thrilled by the idea of staying overnight in a mobile-home in the middle of the desert, right off the Colorado River. To get there, we drove three hours from Phoenix through a smattering of small dusty towns where cowboy hats are standard-is-



Fearless Parenting

By Stephanie Thompson

sue to protect faces from the scorching sun. Even in February, with the bright blue sky ablaze and few trees for shade, high 70s can feel burning hot. We stopped to pick up Old West artifacts in Wickenburg, a piece of "Fool's Gold" for Eli and a Native American Dream Catcher for Oscar, one he is sure will work to end any bad dreams.

It was like a mirage, the Mighty Colorado, sprouting up after miles and miles of scrubby earth with only the purple haze of rugged mountain formations as distraction. My sister pointed out to the kids that it was California just on the other side of the river and they were amazed. This was nothing at all like home.

Around past the casino/resort, through winding roads cut through hills dotted with vacation homes whose wide porches angled toward the mountains, we finally hit the

RV Park. As promised, we passed by the row of water-view homes, decked out for the season with outdoor tables and chairs and gardens. We landed, though, just a stone's throw away from the breathtaking Land of the Lost view, in front of my sister's 30-foot home.

The first word out of Oscar's mouth as he stepped up the metal stairs into the RV was "Awesome!"; Eli's was "cool!" It was a perfect world with its cozy new futon couch recently installed by my brother-in-law, a swiveling new recliner, a TV with cable, a table and four chairs, a full-working kitchen and an "upstairs" bedroom and bath.

"I'm never leaving," Oscar announced just after arrival.

I had to agree with him. As hummingbirds darted past our heads and the cactus wrens cawed their desert

call, it seemed pretty idyllic. The "snowbirds"—older folk from elsewhere who come to soak in the Arizona sun in winter—were extremely friendly as we took a walk past their waterfront homes. They chatted with the boys and happily shared their dogs. There were docks for boats, though Aaron and Rachel's was one of the only ones. We took a ride, slowing through the nearby canals where the extravagant homes are built just along the edge, and docked at a nearby RV park's new pirate-themed outdoor bar and restaurant.

Back at the park later, as Aaron picked up a new awning part he needed from some neighbors getting rid of it, as he waved hello to the nice man who'd watched their cat while they were away, it struck me how seemingly different but very similar small communities are. Just like I pick things up at stoop sales or ask a neighbor to get my mail or water my plants, so too do people in more transient communities like this one rely on each other. It is crucial in any of the places where we live to be able to count on the kindness of strangers.

The boys went off happily in Aaron and Rachel's truck to find big rocks for the fire-pit Aaron had promised to build for s'mores under the stars. They came back a bit later and unloaded as Aaron dug expertly and placed their findings around in a ring. We ate delicious authentic Mexican take-out at a picnic table as the fire blazed beside us. Even the branches we found to roast marshmallows were beautiful, zig-zagged in a way I've never seen.

When it was time to go after a few days, when we'd overstayed our welcome on the plush futon bed we slept in happily three abreast, Oscar was not pleased. I thought maybe I wouldn't be able to pry him off the couch and away from Kitty. Finally, he acquiesced.

Back in Park Slope, the abundance of cafes and restaurants and the buzz of constant activity is a far cry from Parker, and yet, strangely the same.



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enough for kids.

So she consulted fellow illustrators, who flooded her inbox with ideas for fresh ink.

The end result is an offbeat assemblage of ink that wouldn't look out of place on a sunny day on Bedford Avenue; classic cameras and coffee cups by Brooklyn designer Julia Rothman; a swing set and a brown rabbit smoking a pipe by Canadian Marc Johns; and computer cursors and feline faces by the borough's Josh Smith.

Tattly took off in flying colors, even getting a nod last month at Borough President Markowitz's "State of the Borough" address.

Eisenberg dispelled the notion that her faux anchors and hearts might turn tots

into future Dennis Rodmans or Kat Von Ds.

Her art is meant as an accessory—especially for adult commitment-phobes.

"I know I will never get a tattoo, but I love my temporary one," she said. "It all comes down to self expression. You can dye your hair, wear big earrings, or you can get a Tattly."

Eisenberg's daughter, who's become Tattly's one-kid focus group, agrees.

"They're pretty," said Ella, flashing a fake red wrist-watch. "We should make one with a beautiful princess swan, with a crown on it."

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not have gas, electricity, or running water. But that hasn't stopped other food businesses from eying one of several hubs for culinary start-ups that's on the menu for North Brooklyn.

People's Pops, a gourmet popsicle company, has toured the space and The Meat Hook's Harry Rosenblum said the building might be a good fit for a future food-related undertaking in his growing culinary empire.

"This space provides an easy way for companies to expand when the time comes," said Rosenblum. "There's lots of different types of space for everybody, and it may allow for businesses to have symbiotic relationships."

A return of manufacturing to the former Pfizer plant was far from a foregone conclusion after the Viagra-makers pulled out of Williamsburg in 2007, eliminating 600 jobs and ending a relationship with Brooklyn that began in 1849.

One year later, public officials fought to seize the factory through eminent domain and turn it into affordable housing. In 2009, Pfizer backed off from its own plan to redevelop the 15-acre campus into mixed-income housing.

Interest in bringing new life to the eight-story enlargement factory picked up again in 2009, when Queens-based Acumen Capital Partners plunked

down the cash to keep manufacturing in Williamsburg.

Acumen did not return calls for comment, but a rendering of the first floor of the building shows Acumen's vision, which includes a concert venue for hip hop shows and an artist's depiction of a "Williamsburg Food Co-op."

North Brooklyn industrial advocates are sold on the plan to keep the site a space for neighborhood businesses.

"I'm delighted Acumen is dividing these into suites sized and priced appropriately for small food manufacturers," said East Williamsburg Valley Industrial Development Corporation's Leah Archibald. "That activity will help retain the industrial character of the building and keep working class jobs in Williamsburg."

BECK...

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progressives discuss subjects such as evil-doing, Israel's right to defend itself, and on-air use of the word "Nazi."

More than 200 people—yarmulke-clad politicians, justice-seeking authors, and big-name lawyers—came to raise money for the Gush Katif Museum, which commemorates controversial eviction of Israeli settlements in the Gaza strip, but stayed for Beck's speech.

The former Fox News host and current Internet TV pundit earned loud applause and coverage from several news stations, but Food Co-op members were not as enthusiastic.

Some fired back that Beck was simply capitalizing on the attention—and commenting on a subject about

which he knows little.

"People at the Co-op are very open-minded," said Co-op member Steve Dobkin, who is Jewish and defended the shop's progressive thinking. "I'd like to boycott him."

Beck's speech comes after a Co-op vote this week that revived calls for the purveyor of all-things-organic to sanction Israel for alleged human rights violations against Palestinians, the way the Union Street grocery banned South African products during apartheid, and, more recently, plastic bags.

The rule was first pro-

posed three years ago in the shop's newsletter, sparking international media attention and prompting gripes from hummus and paprika-loving foodies, some of whom called the plan anti-Semitic way before Beck—who is neither Jewish nor a Co-op member—hit Brooklyn.

Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D–Borough Park), who

attended the event on East New York Avenue, echoed Beck's idea.

"You have some idiots in Brooklyn," he said.

But after the speech, some said the subject was more nuanced than the way Beck had framed it.

"He might just be playing to the crowd," said audience member Yosef Schwartz.

G TRAIN...

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fall, declining to comment further until reviewing a feasibility report. The agency initially said it would make the G train extension permanent, but later backtracked amid budgetary woes.

MTA brass and politicians cheered the \$3.6 million entrance revamp, which

Councilman Brad Lander (D–Park Slope) called "historic" and Borough President Markowitz—who contributed \$2 million to the project—described as an example of "government doing good things."

But many straphangers said the addition of the staircase is no consolation if the

MTA plans to eliminate the G train extension.

"It's a pain," said Matt Flammer, a Fort Greene resident who commutes to Park Slope. "It means you have to wake up half an hour earlier. And that makes you that much more grumpy in the morning."

Thankfully for commuters along the G line, transit insiders say there's still hope for the train.

Gene Russianoff, a spokes-

man for the transportation advocacy group the Straphangers Campaign, said the city will likely consider how much use the G train gets at those five stations before deciding whether to extend the temporary service.

"I can tell you from private meetings with [city officials], they've been impressed by the amount of ridership at those locations," Russianoff said. "I'd like to see it continue."

GRIMM...

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Grimm is steeped in Washington's pay-to-play culture, where deep-pocketed companies reward a politician's assistance with campaign donations, or shower a political candidate with contributions to ensure that the lawmaker will help them in the future.

But Grimm said he sees nothing wrong with accepting donations from Williams Companies and National Grid.

"That's the way it's supposed to work," Grimm said. "People are going to donate if they think I'm doing a good job."

Political watchdog groups were astonished that the legislator made no qualms about his quid-pro-quo relationship with the two energy companies.

"It's outrageous for a sitting member of Congress to acknowledge so directly that he accepts contributions from individuals because this is how government is supposed to work," said Dick Dadey, the executive director of Citizens Union. "To give the impression that he responds to those who give gifts to his campaign just shows how in bed he is with the pay-to-play culture."

Meredith McGeehe, the policy director of the Cam-

paign Legal Center, said the Williams Companies and National Grid donations, "show the influence of contributors, at a minimum, to buy access to [politicians]."

The pipeline would increase National Grid's gas output to Brooklyn and Queens by 10 percent—allowing the company to grow its 1.2 million customer base in the two boroughs and reap a potential multi-million dollar windfall in the process.

National Grid spokeswoman Karen Young wouldn't say exactly how much money the new pipeline will bring in for the company, which earned \$800 million in the first half of last year alone.

But she defended the company's contribution, claiming that Grimm was one of a number of elected officials National Grid gave money to in New York last year. National Grid also donated to the campaigns to reelect Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D–New York) and Rep. Ed Towns (D–Fort Greene), records show.

"[The contributions are] a way for our employees to be involved in the political process and make a difference in the communities in which we live and work," Young said.

Williams Companies will profit off the pipeline by charging National Grid for taking the gas from its massive Atlantic Ocean supply line, according to company spokesman Chris Stockton,

who wouldn't provide further details.

But Stockton also denied that company's donation to Grimm had anything to do with the bill he sponsored, saying it was based solely on his two-year track record in Congress.

"We never make a contribution with the expectation that it will lead to favors or otherwise favorable treatment," Stockton said.

The multi-billion dollar company also donated campaign cash to Gillibrand, as well as Rep. Steve Israel (D–Long Island) and dozens of other lawmakers from around the country last year.

Grimm proposed building the pipeline—which requires federal approval since it would run through the Gateway National Recreation Area, the borough's only national park—last July. The House approved Grimm's bill earlier this month.

The Senate has yet to schedule a vote on the bill since it must first be approved by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where the law is under review, a senate spokesman said.

Once the pipeline is given the green light, contractors will rip up Flatbush Avenue from Avenue U to a proposed meter station in an existing hangar at Floyd Bennett Field—an urban oasis used by birders, sports teams and campers.

The Bloomberg administration is backing the project

because the pipeline would help the city meet its goal of making its energy supply cleaner and cheaper by 2030 and allow more buildings to switch from fuel oil to natural gas.

Grimm said the pipeline

would be an economic boon for Brooklyn by creating 300 new jobs.

"This was something that was a priority for me from day one," Grimm said. "It's going to be very good for the community."

Grimm has suffered through a string of controversies this month, including the hiring of Fran Vella-Marone, a scandal-scattered activist accused of committing an ethics violation by getting her husband a patronage job that

ultimately led to the death of a 17-year-old girl. He's also been accused of accepting illegal campaign contributions in 2010, and covering up his connection to a former business partner who spent 18 months in prison.

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2013 and is expected to be a hit among the borough's kombucha set, potentially drawing as many as 5,880 cars to its lot on Saturdays, according to the grocer's projections.

But the arrival of the supermarket means trouble for artists and small business owners who say "up-scale retail" will cause rent to increase and art-centric businesses to migrate.

It also upsets some residents who say the store caters more to drivers from outside the area than the neighborhood itself.

"It's frustrating," said Katia Kelly, who lives nearby. "It opens the flood gates for more developers with plans for huge buildings."

Others claimed the panel didn't do its "due diligence" when studying how the massive shop would impact the neighborhood.

"They didn't take our comments seriously," said Marlene Donnelly of Friends and Residents of Greater Gowanus, a neighborhood group.

The long-delayed supermarket—which first announced plans to open seven years ago—has had many setbacks, including a lengthy setback spent cleaning its toxic lot along the waterway.

Facing criticism from neighbors about its scale and

impact on traffic, the store cut back the size of its initial proposal by 10,000 square feet, chopped more than 150 parking spaces, and announced plans to build a greenhouse on its roof.

The panel considered whether the shop "alters the essential character of the neighborhood"—but board members did not comment

on the decision before or after the vote.

The ruling pleases Whole Foods spokesman Michael Sinatra, who said the store will apply for building permits over the next few weeks and start constructing the supermarket this spring.

"We're really excited," he said. "This was an important hurdle."

GAP...

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Andries.

"I shop at the Gap often, and instead of running into the city or to King's Plaza, if I'm in the neighborhood I can just come here," said Andries, who has been running errands on Fulton Mall for over 20 years.

But Downtown activists fear the store's arrival is another step in the whitewashing of the historic thoroughfare, which doesn't boast the fancy boutiques and restaurants found on some of the borough's other retail strips, but actually commands the highest commercial rents in Brooklyn.

"The dramatic transformation of the area has been driven by luxury developers trying to cash in on a boom, one that does not rely on the long-term stakeholders who have made the area a success," says Lucas Shapiro, a senior organizer at Families United for Racial and Economic Equality.

Shapiro blasted the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, a business improvement district that has encouraged development in the neighborhood, for making an "effort to displace the current consumers with a wealthier clientele."

The Partnership declined

to comment for this story.

Though Shapiro admits the new Gap Factory Store may offer budget prices, he says even low-cost chains can attract more well-off shoppers and lead to increasingly expensive stores moving in later on.

But some of the Mall's smaller sellers say they don't mind the Gap—in fact they see it as a boon.

"It should only affect us in a good way," said Adam Shiekh, a manager at Fino Menswear and Shoes across the street from the Gap. "The big names add more value to the mall. When the big names come in, more customers come to the Mall. That's good for all the stores in the Mall."

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS
Index No. 56971/2011
Date Summons Filed: 12/29/2011
Plaintiff designates: KINGS County as the place of trial. The basis of the venue is: CPLR 509
SUMMONS WITH NOTICE LI XIA WU, Plaintiff -against- LI GEN LIU, Defendant
ACTION FOR A DIVORCE
To the above named Defendant
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.
Dated, Brooklyn, New York December 28, 2011
JAMES COSTO
Attorney for Plaintiff
6402 8th Avenue, Suite 305
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NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL § 170(2) abandonment. The relief sought is, a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action.
NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS (D.R.L. 236) PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW § 236, Part B, Section 2, as added by Chapter 72, of the Laws of 2009, both you and your spouse (the parties) are bound by the following AUTOMATIC ORDERS, which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action unless terminated, modified or amended by further order of the court or upon written agreement between the parties:
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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 02/23/2012, bearing the Index Number NC-000187-12/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Yani (Last) Gonzalez. My present name is (First) Yani (Middle) Ejajale (Last) Brea-Gonzalez AKA Yani Gonzales. My present address is 280 Logan St., Brooklyn, NY 11208. My place of birth is Brooklyn, N.Y. My date of birth is February 19, 1973
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MADISON REALTY CAPITAL, L.P. Plaintiff against BROKEN ANGEL, LLC, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 10, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Court-house, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on the 29th day of March,

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Notice to Bidders



The State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center will receive sealed proposals for Project No. 09-199 Titled: "Hazardous Chemical Environmental Waste Storage Room" until 2:00 p.m. Local Time on Tuesday, March 27th, 2012. Submit bids to the office of Mr. Ray Selvadurai, Purchase Associate, Contracts and Procurement, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 113, Brooklyn, New York 11203. The proposals will then be publicly opened and read aloud at 811 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203 (Second Floor Conference Room).
All work on this Contract is to be completed within (300) calendar days, starting ten (10) calendar days after the contract approval date.
Bidding and Contract Documents may be examined free of charge at the campus at: SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 811 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203 (Second Floor Conference Room).
1. A MANDATORY Pre-bid Conference and Project Walk-through will be held on Tuesday, March 20th, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with all contractors assembled at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in the Main Lobby, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203. The mandatory conference will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. No individual or additional walk-through will be performed under the pre-bid time period. Only bidders who attend the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Project Walkthrough will be permitted to submit a proposal on this project.
2. Qualifications of Bidders:
(1) All prospective bidders are hereby notified that, on request of the University, they must be able to prove to the satisfaction of the University that they have the skill and experience, as well as the necessary facilities, ample financial resources, organization and general reliability to do the work to be performed under the provisions of the Contract in a satisfactory manner and within the time specified.
(2) All prospective bidders must have a minimum (5) years experience in projects of similar size, scope and complexity for healthcare facilities.
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(4) All prospective bidders must also be prepared to prove, to the satisfaction of the University, that it has successfully completed a contract of similar work in a healthcare facility in an amount of not less than 50 percent of the amount of its Total Bid.
(5) All prospective contractors and sub-contractors must be licensed professionals in the State of New York.
Complete sets of Contract Documents for bidding may be obtained from:
Ray Selvadurai, Purchase Associate, Contracts and Procurement Department,
SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 113, Brooklyn, NY 11203,
Tel: (718) 626-4943, email: ray.selvadurai@downstate.edu
Section 143 of the State Finance Law requires payment of a deposit to receive these documents. Accordingly, a deposit check of \$49.00, made payable to SUNY Downstate Medical Center is required. Deposits less than \$50.00 are nonrefundable.
Bids must be submitted in duplicate in accordance with the instructions contained in the Information for Bidders. Security will be required for each bid in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the Total Bid.
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